

Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site

In 1868, the Navajo people returned to their ancestral lands in northeast Arizona after four terrible years of exile at Bosque Redondo in New Mexico. Ten years later, John Lorenzo Hubbell purchased the Leonard Trading Post, re-named it, and built his own buildings. He and his family would operate the Hubbell Trading Post for the next 89 years. Located on the Navajo Reservation, the trading post provided American-made goods introduced to the Navajos during their time in exile. Residents could also sell or trade their produce, such as corn, and goods, such as rugs and blankets, wool, and baskets, for money or for other goods.



The trading post was operated by the Hubbell family until 1967, when it was sold to the National Park Service. It is still active, operated by Western National Parks Association, a non-profit cooperating association, for the National Park Service. As such, the designation “National Historic Site” is a bit of a misnomer. Hubbell Trading Post *is* historic, but it is also still as actively used by the Navajo people as it was 100 years ago.

Visitors to Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site have a unique opportunity to not only learn about life on the frontier of the Old West, but also to experience Navajo culture.

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